

Acts 9

Questions

1. What did Saul do to the disciples of the Lord and why did he want to go to Damascus (9:1-2)?
2. Who appeared to Saul, what did he ask Saul, and what did he tell Saul to do (9:3-6)?
3. What happened to the men who travelled with Saul and to Saul himself (9:7-9)?
4. What was Ananias told to do regarding Saul (9:10-12)?
5. How did Ananias respond to his commission (9:13-14)?
6. What work did the Lord have for Saul (9:15-16)?
7. What happened to Saul and what did he do when Ananias met him (9:17-18)?
8. What did Saul do in Damascus immediately after his conversion (9:19-22)?
9. What did the Jews want to do with Saul (9:23-25)?
10. What did Saul want to do when he returned to Jerusalem and whose help did he get in doing this (9:26-27)?

11. What did Saul do in Jerusalem and why did he leave there for Tarsus (9:28-30)?

12. How did Luke describe the church at this time (9:31)?

13. Who was Aeneas and what did Peter do for him (9:32-34)?

14. What was the result of Peter's miracle (9:35)?

15. Who was Tabitha (Dorcas) and what did Peter do for her (9:36-41)?

16. What was the result of Peter's miracle (9:42) and where did he stay (9:43)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where in the book of Acts did Saul (Paul) retell the account of his going to Damascus and subsequent conversion (9:1-18)?

2. Where are the following places located: Damascus (9:2), Caesarea and Tarsus (9:30), Lydda and Sharon, (9:35), and Joppa (9:36)?

3. Who are "the Way" and why are they called this (9:2)?

4. Was Saul converted on the road to Damascus (9:6)? Why did Ananias say "Brother Saul" when Saul was not yet a Christian (9:17)?

5. Why was Saul baptized (9:18; see Acts 22:16)?

6. Where in 2 Corinthians did Paul reference his escape from Damascus (9:23-25)? Where in Galatians did Paul reference his trip to Arabia, return to Damascus, and visit to Jerusalem?

7. Who were the Grecian Jews or Hellenists (9:29)?

8. What was the work of a tanner (9:43)?

Applications for Today

1. Christians are “the Way” because they follow Jesus “the Way” to heaven (9:2; Jn. 14:6).
2. Even the fiercest enemy and opponent of Jesus can change and be converted (9:1-18; 1 Tim. 1:13-16).
3. True conversion will lead one to tell others about Jesus even in the face of opposition (9:19-30; Acts 8:4).
4. Christians should join themselves to other disciples in the local church (9:26-28; Rom. 12:5).
5. Local churches should be careful to ask questions and investigate all those who would be members among them (9:26-28; 1 Tim. 5:22).
6. The church today needs to be at peace, be edified, be walking in the fear of the Lord, be comforted by the Holy Spirit, and be growing (9:31; 2 Cor. 13:11).
7. A true Christian is one who turns to the Lord, not to some man-made religion (9:35, 42; 2 Cor. 3:16).
8. Christians today, like Tabitha (Dorcas), need to be “full of good works” toward others (9:36; Tit. 2:14; 3:8, 14).